

Pitcher Schuff Has All the Giant Batters Puzzled With An In-Shoot

Thompson Sees End of His Ring Days

Sycamore Farmer Laid Declares Jim Flynn Will Have Hard Time if He Meets Bob Moha—Western States Have New Laws to Legalize Boxing Matches.

By T. S. ANDREWS.

"It is the beginning of the end, I guess," remarked Cyclone Johnny Thompson, the Sycamore farmer lad, and here in over 200 hard fought battles, as he went to his dressing room after his 16-round argument with Bob Moha, the country boy of Don Sharkey, except for height, before the South Side A. C., in Milwaukee.

"I have graduated from a lightweight into a light heavyweight during the past two years," continued Johnny, "but I must confess now that Moha is altogether too fast and too young for me. I did not suppose any man could make me slow up, but like all others I was mistaken. I will beat most of them today at my weight, but I will take off my hat to this young Milwaukeean, who is another Tom Sharkey, taking punishment and handling it out. He is altogether too fast for me now, and take it from me, he will beat all the light heavyweights in the country, and if Jim Flynn claims the title he will have an awful time holding it against this squatty Moha."

"I had made up my mind to go after all the men in my class, above the 170 or below the 180 pound mark, but this setback will probably make me change my mind. Just now I feel like retiring, but you know a boxer is like an actor—he never wants to quit as the place of the stage lights seems to have a sort of fascination for him. I may decide to take on another bout or two before I retire, but not for a while. It is too hard work training now, and it is difficult to get off the flesh and into proper shape. When a man gets near the 40 year mark he finds it a much different proposition to harden himself for a battle. Moha handed out some pretty stiff jolts with his right and left, but they never phased me a bit, but when he got to my stomach with straight rights it hurt, but I recovered quickly. He hit me with a few choppy blows and for a man of his build is fast. I hurt my hand in the fifth round and could not use it after that, but it would have made no difference as to the result. It will soon be time to go to the farm for good little Johnny."

With the defeat of Baudeman Rice, the English light heavyweight, by Georges Carpentier, the French champion, the latter once more became a idol of the French sporting people. When Frank Klaus, the Pittsburgh middleweight, and Billy Papke, the Illinois underweight, handed out defeat to Carpentier the followers of the French youth were disappointed and heartbroken, for Carpentier was a idol. However, it was apparent to all that the French boy had so weakened himself making the low weight for the Americans that his defeat counted for naught, and when he turned round and later on defeated his rival, Marcel Moreau, his friends regarded him as a hero. Baudeman Rice had just returned from Australia, where he made a couple of good fights and was considered good enough to stop the Frenchman. His quick knockout in two rounds has proved a big boost for Georges. Now there will be a French champion in the French clubs for a battle between Carpentier and the winner of the Papke-Klaus match on March 5, and unless the Illinois boy is better than when he last fought he is liable to bump into another Waterloo from the Pittsburgh man. Klaus is a middleweight and he can stand the gaff, so that Billy will have to be in condition for a grueling battle if he expects to win and get another crack at Georges Carpentier.

And all this brings to mind the fact that a French club recently made an offer of \$15,000 for a 20-round battle between Carpentier and Bombardier Wells, the British champion. Carpentier, but for some unknown reason the latter refused to match up and instead made the trip to New York with his manager, Jim Maloney, on his own hook. Had Wells consented to engage in two battles in France, the second to be either with Sam McCarney or Al Palmer, or Lester McCarty, he could have drawn down \$20,000 for his end—quite a tidy sum these hard days.

Carpentier, by taken on weight and is naturally around 170 to 175 pounds.

Recruits Replace Veteran Backstops

Season of 1913 Offers Many New Maskmen to Take Place of the Fading Stars.

ONE by one the battery men slip from the majors as the recruits come up to the pace. Not so very long ago the box scores revealed the names of Frank Bowerman, Malachi Kittredge, Jack Warner, Billy Sullivan and Johnny Kling. The first three named are gone from the big leagues.

Sullivan, the old war horse of the White Sox, and Kling, late of the Braves, are still in the major ring, but they are about done as catchers. Sullivan is as slow as a push cart now, Kling caught 74 contests in 1912, but his receiving was not up to the Kling standard. So Boston released him. Then there are three other veterans of a later period who will not be seen in upper crust circles this season. They are Gabby Street, Charles Schmidt and Jimmy Stephens.

To fill the places of the stars who have faded and to succeed those who are yet to fade, major league clubs have loaded up with young catchers. Not in years has there been such a steady entry of highly trained, sparkling juvenile backstops as will be found on the various rosters this spring.

There is Schang from Buffalo, whom every club in both big circuits had a draft in for. Connie Mack was the lucky one and grabbed him. Last year Schang was the resounding, sparkling sensation of the International League. Boston has Cady, who was the real noise in the world's series. Nineteen twelve was his first major year. Boston also has Thomas, a recruit from Newark, who caught 16 or 17 games at the end of last season, and Nunnally, who was going finely until an injury retarded him.

and growing fast, being only 20 years of age, and a match with Wells would have been more even than the fight fans might imagine at first thought. Why Wells should have passed it up is hard to tell, for he will surely meet just as hard game in this country if he picks up Lester McCarty, Jack Warner and Gunboat Smith (of course barring Langford) unless he figures that the 10-round game is more to his liking than the Marathon route over in Paris and London.

There seems to be a demand all over the country just now to have a same boxing law passed so that sparring contests may be held without having a lot of people complaining about violations of law, etc., and calling for reforms. They break other laws every day, but that does not matter. The old antagonism against boxing, or prize fighting as the reformers have been wont to call it, has been gradually disappearing, as these people become more enlightened as to what boxing is, and the time is fast approaching when regular tournaments will be held in all parts of the country. There are some young ministers who even now believe in having boxing bouts for their young men, knowing that it keeps them around their own neighborhood instead of having them seek the same amusement away from home. There are many states in the west and middle west where bills are pending in the legislature to legalize boxing, practically all the bills being patterned after the Frawley law of New York state Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, Nebraska and several eastern states have all joined the list with bills to legalize the sport. Some of the most prominent men in the various states, not men seeking offices or anything of that kind, but sound business men, have come out openly in favor of such a measure, claiming that it is far better to have boxing conducted properly and under the jurisdiction of the authorities than to have boys indulging in old time prize fights in barns and cellars, where they are liable to be hurt and where the police cannot see them.

Charles Harvey, secretary of the New York state boxing commission, who has had an opportunity the past two years to judge the merits of the law in better to the writer recently said: "We have been receiving applications from all over the country for copies of the Frawley law, and I think it is better to have boxing and it strikes me that the people are just beginning to find out that there is such a law and that it works to the benefit of the people as well as the people. This sentiment, which we hear so much about, has passed away and people now realize that boxing is a business, and the promoters have a business. The boxers sell their skill the same as the baseball players do—money—and the promoters invest their money with the object of profit on their investment, which is also true of the men who put their money into baseball plants and teams. All this talk about boxers fighting for glory, the same as they did in the old times, is nothing but a fancy. There are as many in there, and from my past experience boxing is just as clean a sport as any of these other things. It is a much better exercise than most of them."

The fact that in New York city alone last year over \$40,000 taxes was paid into the state treasury from the 5 per cent taken from the receipts at boxing shows, and a pretty fair idea of how popular the sport is. To my way of thinking boxing will become more popular than most of the sports all over the country in time and it will be legalized, too."

Mr. Harvey is also interested in a move to bring the International League under control for boxing, the same as athletics are controlled by the A. A. U. in this country, and the A. A. U. in England. This movement was inaugurated by the writer and by the Sporting Life of London about six years ago. It is badly needed, and would do a lot toward helping the boxing game throughout the world.

Stahl Thinks Red Sox Will Win Bunting

Pilot of the World's Champions of 1912 Will Be Joined by Veterans and Recruits at Hot Springs on March 2.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 27.—Wearing a satisfied smile such as the leader of the greatest baseball club on earth should wear and expressing confidence that he will have a two-time world's championship club, Jake Stahl, the giant manager of the Boston Red Sox, stopped here on his way to Hot Springs, Ark., to join his players, who are scheduled to report March 2. When Jake arrived he found that several other stars of the diamond are here, including Ad Brennan, southpaw hurler and Grover Cleveland Alexander, "The Great," right-handed speed ball artist, of the Phillies; Drummond Brown, catcher of the Boston Braves; Claude Hendrix, first baseman, and one or two other major leaguers, who have been here most of the winter. The newsmen visited Jake Stahl, who Stahl expected to meet Joe Wood, as Joe is due for another semi-annual visit in this city, but he has not yet arrived, although he is expected most any day.

The Red Sox pilot has very little to say about his ball club, except that he expects it to be better this year than last and is very confident that the American league pennant will be in his possession by the first of October. If his players do not meet with any serious accidents.

"My men are all young with a very few exceptions," said the boss of the world's greatest ball club, "and I can see no reason why we should not play better ball than last year when we had no trouble winning the championship. My pitching staff is very good, especially such men as Joe Wood and Hugh Bodent."

There was a report that Catcher Carrigan, "Buck" O'Brien and one or two other champions are holdouts. When asked about this the big first baseman said: "I would not call them exactly holdouts. One or two of them have failed to sign contracts, but I believe with San Francisco. He will likely have some fight for a regular berth on the team. I am sure that Howard Hendrick, Hoffman, Zimmerman and possibly Matt McIntyre to compete with."

As an aid to getting through a boxing bill in the Illinois legislature, it is proposed to send a bunch of Chicago fighters to Springfield and stage several bouts for the benefit of the legislators. Among those suggested for the trip and exhibition are Steve Ketchel, Tex McCarland, Charley White and Eddie Murphy.

Marty O'Toole, the Pirates' famous spitball pitcher, for whom Barney Dreyfuss claims he paid \$25,000 to the St. Paul club of the American association, has signed his contract to play with the Pittsburgh team in 1913. It is said his salary has been reduced.

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they will report. I do not expect any trouble with them whatever." Manager Stahl has much respect for at least four clubs in the National league this season and says he will not be surprised if any of them wins the championship. He includes in this list the Cincinnati Reds, to be managed by Joe Tinker, and the other three are Chicago, New York and Pittsburgh.

The Giants and Pirates look very good and will make a hard fight for the pennant," he said. "I also expect Chicago and Cincinnati to be up in the race and the result of the season's playing may be a surprise to those who believe there are only two clubs in the league that have a good chance to finish in front."

Manager Stahl came here to meet Mrs. Stahl and the two children, who will arrive today from Los Angeles. They will then go to Hot Springs, Ark., leaving here tonight. The Red Sox will play a series of games with the Pittsburgh Pirates next month and Stahl his men to get about three weeks of hard work before the first of October.

The Pirates are to report about the same time as the champions.

Alexander and Brennan will join the rest of the Phillies and go to the South Carolina training camp. Alexander has signed his contract and expects a great season. He has been one of the sensational pitchers of the National league for a couple of years.

Brennan is a "holdout." He has had no chance to see William Locke, new president of the Phillies, and therefore does not know whether Locke feels like giving him the increase in salary he demands.

Claude Hendrix has not yet signed his contract with the Philadelphia Athletics. He is holding out for a big increase in salary and is waiting for Barney Dreyfuss to change the figures in the document.

Gossip About Sport Stars

JOHNNY COULON, bantamweight champion, has at last declared his intention to sign articles with Kid Williams as soon as Williams is ready. Coulon will claim the \$500 which Sam Harris, manager of Williams, said that he would hand over to charity when he signed. Coulon says that he will give money to the Working Boys' home in Chicago.

Manager Johnny Evers has determined to go back into the Cub fold. He has urged president Murphy to give Overall a good offer and quit haggling, or he will make up the salary difference out of his own pocket. Evers says that if Overall is not signed in one more week he will sign him to Tampa. Evers declares that with Overall he will win the National league pennant.

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ELKS LOSE TO TUTTLE'S BOWLERS

G. C. Abbott Rolls High Game and Total With a Run of 392—Industrials Fall to Appear for Match.

All four points were won by the Tuttle five from the Elks' team Wednesday night at the Cactus alleys by a margin of 254 pins. The Elks fell down from their last week's form, and could not compete with the heavy rolling of the Tuttle bunch. G. C. Abbott rolled high game and total with a run of 392. E. L. Lucker rolled second high total while Clark of the Elks came in with third high total and second high game. The Tuttle quintet rolled an average of 850 per game. None of the rollers were credited with a strikeout.

The Industrial league match was postponed, on account of the non-appearance of the players.

The following scores were made:

Cactus League.				
Tuttle's team—				
E. L. Lucker.....	155	182	181	597
G. C. Abbott.....	150	125	192	467
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E. L. Hill.....	150	188	180	518
H. Brisch.....	155	158	174	485
Elks' team—				
E. L. Clark.....	130	203	197	530
E. L. G. Bateman.....	169	166	166	501
E. L. Hill.....	150	188	180	518
Clyde Holmes.....	122	109	137	428
J. M. Paul.....	128	155	134	417

Points for Tuttle, 4 high game, Abbott, 214, high total, Abbott, 592. The amateur league bowls tonight on two of the alleys, while the women bowlers will roll a match on the other two alleys.

WELSH WANTS \$7500 TO FIGHT YOUNG JACK O'BRIEN

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 27.—A hitch in the negotiations of the match between Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion of England, and Young Jack O'Brien, was conveyed by cable to O'Brien's brother, asking him to delay Young Jack's sailing for Liverpool, as Welsh has declared he will not enter the ring unless he is guaranteed the sum of \$7500, win, lose or draw.

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BISBEE FORMS BASEBALL TEAM.

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the Freeport fireman. The opinion was that he should be far more effective. Jack believes that it will make him as durable as big Ed Walsh, and if it does he should be able to put over almost as many victories as the renowned White Sox spitballer, for he is a mighty crafty hurler. Last season was not the best he ever enjoyed in the big leagues. Jack suffered along with the other Yankee twirlers, who dropped many a game due to poor support. But, despite this, he did some great work.

He was particularly effective against Cleveland. During one series with the Naps Jack held them to one run and three scattered singles in 15 innings, finishing a game for Caldwell one day and shouldering an entire contest the following. All he got for his efforts, too, was a defeat for which he was in nowise to blame.

Caldwell is another twirler who might be more valuable did he have a bit more weight. Slim was under weight most of last season, and if Warhop has discovered a sure way of putting on flesh he might make a life long friend of the Cordon telegrapher by slipping him the recipe.

The remaining members of the Yankee squad are not scheduled to leave until March 1.

Twirler Schupp Puzzles Giant Batters

McGraw Bats Out a Puny Fly and Smiles as He Leaves the Plate—Pilot Has New Rule to Train Hickory Welders to Pass Up the Wide Kind.

By SAM CRANE.

MARLIN, Tex., Feb. 27.—Much valuable work in training is being accomplished by the Giants.

Of the pitchers, young Schupp appears to have more of "something" on the ball than any of the others, and while his fellow moundmen are hit very hard and freely, including Tesreau, there is a scarcity of base hits made off the promising "southpaw."

Schupp, without apparently trying to fool the batters, gets a peculiar little sneaky ink to his ball that bothers the would-be biffers in laughable fashion. After ten men had faced him without knocking the ball out of the diamond, Torrey lined a ball over second for a neat single.

McGraw, after popping out a puny fly, walked back from the plate, shaking his head, but with a satisfied smile, and said: "Schupp gets the smallest little inshoot to both his high and low balls that I have ever seen. It is a winner, too, if he can hold it, for it has just enough to fool a man and not too much to put the batter wise. It is the invisible little jumps to a ball that are more effective than the big breaks that one can detect and follow."

More Kid in Looks

Schupp is a mere kid in looks and is not of sturdy build, but he is rangy, about five feet 10 inches tall and has one of those lean, sinewy arms that seldom become lame or shoulder bound. What he can do with the ball when his wing gets into perfect shape will be watched by McGraw and the players with great interest. The association of the Marquand persists in his determination to quit the game for the coming season and Schupp rounded him up, but he will not be so awfully missed. But the club needs him just the same and there is no denying that fact, but this boy Schupp has a perfect swing for control and I imagine he can loose a world of speed when he gets hit.

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The Colts will probably stand at bat and snap the ball with a sharp wrist movement that is very telling. His looks very sweet to me. Joe Evers is gaining in his work very rapidly. There looks to be a whole lot in the youngster.

The Colts will probably line up as follows in their coming exhibition games with the regulars: Hartley, catcher; Thorpe, first base; Evers, second base; Grob, shortstop; Stock, third base; Cooper, left field; Jacobson, center field, and Torrey, right field.

NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATIONS MAY OPEN TRACKS AGAIN.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 27.—From the wording of a statement issued after meetings of the stewards of the Jockey club and officials of several racing associations, it is probable that some of the metropolitan tracks the coming season. The way is held to have been saved for the association to make a court decision holding oral betting not unlawful, thereby exempting directors of racing associations from liability for betting in this form.

In a statement issued by the stewards after discussing the matter they declared that the Jockey club is only a supervisory board and does not control the business policy of any of the racing associations. It is not in its province to say whether there shall be racing, it was pointed out. Should any of the associations decide to open their courses, the Jockey club controls the manner in which such racing shall be conducted.

TWO REVOLVER CLUBS TIED.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 27.—Two clubs are tied for the championship of the U. S. Revolver association, as a result of the indoor matches. The outcome of the shootoff between the Manhattan club, of New York City, and the Spokane club, of Spokane, Wash., will be watched with considerable interest.

CUBS WIN FROM CUBANS.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 27.—The Chicago Nationals in training here played their first exhibition game of the season, defeating the Havana, Cuba, Athletics 4 to 2.

IOWAN WINS AT OXFORD.

Oxford, England, Feb. 27.—Will A. Zeliger, Rhodes scholar from Iowa, won the Oxford putting event, beating with 41 feet 9 inches on the concluding day of the Oxford university sports.

GREEK CHAMPION IS DEAD.

Athens, Greece, Feb. 27.—The Greek champion, C. Telicthras, who won the standing broad jump at the 1912 Olympic games at Stockholm, is dead at his home here.

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Us Boys

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